

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on 8/1/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12, 14-19, 34-39, 67, 69-79 and 93-161.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 12, 14-19, 34-39, 67, 69-79, and 93-161 are allowed over the prior art of record.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is U.S. Application No. 08/466,270 by Narasimhan et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,249,044 to Von Kohorn, and U.S. Patent No. 5,594,493 to Nemirofsky.

Narasimhan et al discloses a system in comprising: a computer; a plurality of portable cards (smart cards) transported by consumers, each card containing electronic money; a plurality of homes; a store; and a routing system for receiving a signal and generating network addresses in response to an inter-network address in the received signal, the routing system including a plurality of wide area communication links, wherein the second system further includes a plurality of first processors, each located in one of the plurality of homes, for sending a memory signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the memory signal corresponding to the product as being provided from the CD-Rom; and a second processor, in the store, for receiving the memory signal from a portable card in the plurality of cards. Narasimhan et al further discloses sending first signals from a CD-Rom to a computer, each signal including a signal corresponding to a product; receiving first signals, and the step of sending a signal to a portable handheld card (smart card) in the plurality of cards, the card signal

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corresponding to the product, and the step of subsequently, moving the portable card to the store, and the step, performed in the store, of receiving the card signal from the portable device.

Von Kohorn discloses a system and method of generating signals, by cable, telephone, or broadcast, corresponding to product information through televisions located in a plurality of homes. Von Kohorn further discloses a user can obtain tokens, including hard copy records, coupons, certificates, and magnetic cards, in response to the received signal by inputting the appropriate product information.

Nemirofsky discloses a system and method of using a scanned television, a conventional television receiver, or computer and monitor to send a signal corresponding to a product to a smart card wherein the data from the smart card can be read by a terminal at a store.

As per claims 12 and 67, the closest prior art of record taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a first computer including circuitry for sending first signals to the routing system, each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product, and an internet work address corresponding to the second computer, to cause the routing system to generate a plurality of network addresses, each of the plurality of network addresses corresponding to a respective computer in a respective computer network, and wherein the second computer includes circuitry for receiving first signals, and wherein the second system further includes: a plurality of first processors, each located in one of the plurality of homes, responsive to a signal corresponding to a product received by the second

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computer, for sending a memory signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the memory signal corresponding to the product. The specific allowable feature, which distinguishes the present invention over the prior art of record, is sending first signals from a first computer to the routing system, wherein each first signal corresponds to a product and sending a memory signal from a portable card responsive to a signal, corresponding to a product, received by a second computer.

As per claims 34 and 74, the closest prior art of record taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest sending first signals from a first computer to the routing system, each first signal including a signal corresponding to a product, and an internet work address corresponding to a second computer, to cause the routing system to generate a plurality of network addresses, each of the plurality of network addresses corresponding to a respective computer in a respective computer network; receiving first signals, and the step of sending a signal to a portable card in the plurality of cards, the card signal corresponding to the product. The specific allowable feature, which distinguishes the present invention over the prior art of record, is sending first signals from a first computer to the routing system, each signal corresponding to a product.

Claims 14-19 and 93-110 are dependent upon claim 12 and thus have all the limitations of claim 12 and are allowable for that reason. Claims 35-39 and 111-127 are dependent upon claim 34 and thus have all the limitations of claim 34 and are allowable for that reason. Claims 69-73 and 128-144 are dependent upon claim 67 and thus have all the limitations of claim 67 and are allowable for that reason. Claims 75-79 and 145-

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161 are dependent upon claim 74 and thus have all the limitations of claim 71 and are allowable for that reason.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shannon S. Saliard whose telephone number is 571-272-5587. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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